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For: MODULATION LIGHT)
SOURCE, IMAGE DISPLAY)
APPARATUS INCLUDING)
THE SAME, AND METHOD)
OF DRIVING MODULATION)
LIGHT SOURCE : July 12, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Publication 2007-52797
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication 2007-115072
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication 2007-115526
- (4) Japan 1-183180
- (5) Japan 2002-43683
- (6) Japan 2002-43698
- (7) Japan 2004-70338

(8) Kitaoka, et al., "Wavelength Stabilization of a Distributed Bragg Reflector Laser Diode by Use of Complementary Current Injection", Optics Letters, Vol. 28, No. 11, June 1, 2003, pp. 914-916.

Document (5) was discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Documents (6) through (8) were cited during prosecution of the PCT Application corresponding to the subject application. A copy of Notification Concerning Transmittal of Copy of International Preliminary Report on Patentability is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

It is believed that U.S. Patent 6,738,398 is an English language counterpart of Japan 2002-43698, and that U.S. Patent 7,039,077 is an English language counterpart of Japan 2004-70338. Those U.S. patents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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